GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICES – Agriculture & Cooperation Department - Sri P.Ramesh, the then Deputy Registrar/Managing Director, Rural Electric Cooperative Society Ltd., Cheepurupalli (RECS), now working as SCDR/District Cooperative Officer, Vizianagaram alleged to have committed irregularities in recruitment of JLM Grade-II/Energy Assistants in RECS Departmental Proceedings under Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 - Article of Charge - Orders - Issued.

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AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 646 **Dated: 17-10-2024**

Read the following:-

1. From the CC&RCS, AP., Guntur, Letter No.AGC06-11035(32)/18/2023-SEVCES-CCRCS, dated:22.09.2024.
2. G.O.Ms.No.91, Agri. & Coop.(VIG.II) Dept., Dated:17.10.2024.

O R D E R:

1. In pursuance of the sanction accorded by the Government, in the reference read above, under Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 for initiating Departmental proceedings against Sri P. Ramesh, the then Deputy Registrar/Managing Director, Rural Electric Cooperative Society Ltd., Cheepurupalli (RECS) now working as SCDR/District Cooperative Officer, Vizianagaram, it is proposed to hold an inquiry against the said P.Ramesh, the then Deputy Registrar/Managing Director, Rural Electric Cooperative Society Ltd., Cheepurupalli (RECS) now working as SCDR/District Cooperative Officer. Vizianagaram in accordance with the procedure laid down under Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure-I & II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the article of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III & IV). Copies of the documents cited in Annexure-III are also communicated herewith to the Charged Officer. Other witnesses and documents will also be cited and examined if necessary in addition to the witnesses and documents already cited in Annexure-III & IV.

3. Sri P.Ramesh, the then Deputy Registrar/Managing Director, Rural Electric Cooperative Society Ltd., Cheepurupalli (RECS) now working as SCDR/District Cooperative Officer, Vizianagaram, is directed to appear before the disciplinary authority within 10 days of the receipt of this charge memo and submit a written statement of his defense and also to state whether he desires to be heard in person.

4. He is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those article of charges as are not admitted. He should, therefore specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

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5. Sri P.Ramesh, the then Deputy Registrar/Managing Director, Rural Electric Cooperative Society Ltd., Cheepurupalli(RECS) now working as SCDR/District Cooperative Officer, Vizianagaram, is further informed that, if he does not submit his written statement of defense on or before the date specified in Para 3 above, or does not appear in person before the inquiring authority or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules 1991, or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, further action will be processed based on the material evidence.

6. Sri P.Ramesh, the then Deputy Registrar/Managing Director, Rural Electric Cooperative Society Ltd., Cheepurupalli (RECS) now working as SCDR/District Cooperative Officer, Vizianagaram, is informed that, Rule, 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules. 1964 stipulates that under no circumstances Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings, it will be presumed that the said Sri P.Ramesh, the then Deputy Registrar/Managing Director, Rural Electric Cooperative Society Ltd., Cheepurupalli (RECS) now working as SCDR/District Cooperative Officer, Vizianagaram is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the AP Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1964.

7. The receipt of this G.O. shall be acknowledged forthwith.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B RAJSEKHAR, IAS,
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri P.Ramesh, the then Deputy Registrar/Managing Director,
Rural Electric Cooperative Society Ltd., Cheepurupalli (RECS) now working as SCDR/District Cooperative Officer, Vizianagaram(Through: The Commissioner for Cooperation & Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur).

Copy to
The Commissioner for Cooperation & Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur(with a request to serve the charge Memo to the Charged officer and furnish the dated acknowledgement from him).
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ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI P.RAMESH, THE THEN DEPUTY REGISTRAR/MANAGING DIRECTOR, RECS LTD., CHEEPURUPALLI NOW WORKING AS SCDR/DISTRICT COOPERATIVE OFFICER, VIZIANAGARAM UNDER RULE 20 OF ANDHRA PRADESH CIVIL SERVICES (CLASSIFICATION, CONTROL & APPEAL) RULES, 1991.

Article of charge - 1:-

That the said Sri P.Ramesh, Special Cadre Deputy Registrar while functioning as Deputy registrar / Managing Director, RECS Ltd., Cheepurupalli has alleged to have committed serious irregularities and did not adhere to the rules and not followed the rule of reservation in conducting recruitment of 59 JLM Grade-II/ Energy Assistant posts in RECS, Cheepurupalli as detailed below:

a. During the entire selection process it is important to conduct technical tests in the presence of technical committee consists of ADE(Technical), ADE (Operation), AAE (Operation) and Line Inspector of the society under video coverage and to save the video to a considerable period. But the officials of RECS have replied during the enquiry that they recorded video of pole climbing, cycling and meter reading but it was not saved.
b. The RECS finalized and released list of successful candidates erroneously, even though the non selected candidates secured more marks in 10th class than the selected candidates. In this recruitment clearance of technical tests is mandatory because those who are qualified in technical test and eligible for the selection and then final list of selected candidates will be finalised basing on 10^{th} class marks. But in this selection who got less marks than the non selected candidates are selected as JLM Grade-II/Energy Assistants.

Article of charge - 2:-

That the said Sri P.Ramesh, Special Cadre Deputy Registrar while Working as Deputy Registrar / Managing Director, RECS Ltd., Cheepurupalli has continued the services of the three other retired employees even after rejection of the proposal of re-employment of retired employees by the CC & RCS, A.P., Guntur vide Memo Rc.No.19021(37)/3/2020-PE, dated:16.12.2020.

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOR IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI P.RAMESH, THE THEN DEPUTY REGISTRAR/MANAGING DIRECTOR, RECS LTD., CHEEPURUPALLI NOW WORKING AS SCDR/DISTRICT COOPERATIVE OFFICER, VIZIANAGARAM.

Basis of the charge (to Article of Charge 1):-

1. The AP Electricity Regulatory Commission, Hyderabad has received a complaint that there were irregularities in the recruitment of JLM Grade- II/Energy Assistants in RECS, Cheepurupalli by the team headed by Sri P.Ramesh, MD, RECS, Cheepurupalli. The APEPDCL conducted an enquiry on the irregularities and submitted a report to the commission stating that the allegation of irregularities in the recruitment of JLM Grade-II Energy Assistants is sufficiently proved and requested to initiate departmental enquiry against Sri P.Ramesh, Deputy Registrar.
2. Chairman & Managing Director, APEPDCL, Visakhapatnam has received a complaint from Sri.Gobbaka Venkata Ramana, Cheepurupalli, Vizianagaram District regarding irregularities in the recruitment of JLM Grade-II/Energy Assistants in RECS, Cheepurupalli and enquiry was conducted by the Inspector of Police, Vigilance & APTS, PS, APEPDCL, Visakhapatnam. Inspector of Police, Vigilance & APTS, PS, APEPDCL, Visakhapatnam has reported that, RECS authority, Cheepurupalli did not adhere to the rules as well rule of reservation in conducting recruitment of energy assistants and recommended for necessary action. Hence the charge.

Basis of the charge (to Article of Charge 2) :-

The proposal for re-employment of Sri.B.Jagannadha, Assistant Divisional Engineer (Retired), has been rejected by the CC & RCS, A.P., Guntur vide Memo Rc.No.19021(37)/3/2020-PE, dated:16.12.2020. Even after rejection by the CC&RCS, A.P., Guntur he has been continued up to 16.05.2023 in the society by the Managing Director, RECS, Cheepurupalli. Further Sri P.Ramesh, Deputy Registrar/ Managing Director, RECS Ltd., Cheepurupalli has also continued the services of the three (3) other retired employees (1) Sri GRK Raju, ADE, (2) KVVSN Murthy, AE (3) R.Satyanarayana, AAE even after rejection of the proposal of re-employment of retired employees by the CC&RCS, A.P., Guntur vie this office vide Memo Rc.No.19021(37)/3/2020-PE, dated:16.12.2020. Hence the charge.

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ANNEXURE - III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI P.RAMESH, THE THEN DEPUTY REGISTRAR/MANAGING DIRECTOR, RECS LTD., CHEEPURUPALLI NOW WORKING AS SCDR/DISTRICT COOPERATIVE OFFICER, VIZIANAGARAM ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

1. Lr.No.APERC/Dir(Admn.)/CA-25-2021-22/D.No.1002/2023, Dated:06.07.2023 of the Commission Secretary (I/C), A.P., Electricity Regulatory Commission, Hyderabad along with the Lr of CMD, APEPDCL and Vigilance Enquiry report.
2. Letter No. E-384513-EPCOR-06004(44)/53/22-DC-4-COR/I.No.484484/23, Dt:24.06.2023 of the Chairman & Managing Director, APEPDCL, Visakhapatnam along with Vigilance Enquiry report.
3. Memo Rc.No.19021(37)/3/2020-PE, dated:16.12.2020 of CC&RCS, A.P., Guntur.
4. U.O.Note Rc.No.19021(37)/3/2020-PE, dated:15.12.2023 of CC&RCS, A.P., Guntur.

ANNEXURE - IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI P.RAMESH, THE THEN DEPUTY REGISTRAR/MANAGING DIRECTOR, RECS LTD., CHEEPURUPALLI NOW WORKING AS SCDR/DISTRICT COOPERATIVE OFFICER, VIZIANAGARAM ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

-- NIL –

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